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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Heil, Werner; Otten, Ernst-Wilhelm;
Rohe, Daniela; and Surkau Reinhard

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For : MAGNETICALLY SHIELDED CONTAINER

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March 23, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.